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OP CENTER NOTIFY M SPECIAL ASST. VAN GILDER

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED--AND AM APPALLED BY-EXTRACTS FROM KEYES BEECH STORY IN WASHINGTON POST, RE MOSCOW RADIATION. ALTHOUGH YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND NOT MENTIONED BY NAME YOU OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTAND THE REFERENCES AND SO WILL YOUR FRIENDS THEREFORE I HOPE THAT BOTH OF YOU WILL

ACCEPT MY SINCERE REGRETS OVER THIS UNWELCOME PUBLICITY. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I NEVER, REPEAT NEVER, REFERRED TO YOU AS "MEOTIONALLY INVOLVED" OR INFERRED IN ANY WAY THAT YOUR

CONCERNS ARE UNREASONABLE OR UNFOUNDED. KEYS HIMSEL SUGGESTED THAT YOU (WHOM I NEVER MENTINED BY NAME) WERE "INVOLVED", NOT ME. MY EMPHASIS WAS ON THE NEED FOR SCIENTIFIC PRECISION IN DEALING WITH SO SERIOUS A SUBJECT.

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- 2. STORY RESULTED FROM MY EFFORT TO GIVE KEYES, WHO IS LONG TIME FRIEND, AN OVERALL UNDERSTANDING OF MOSCOW SIGNAL PROBLEM IN HOPES OF INSURING INFORMED TREATMENT OF SUBJECT WHICH HE WAS PURSUING ON BASIS OF PARTIAL AND NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD INFORMATION. MY UNDERSTANDING WITH HIM WAS THAT HE WOULD NOT WRITE ON CANCER STUDY.
- 3. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT FOLLOWING YOURS AND MY

CONVERSATION LAST THURSDAY I BEGAN EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE ACCELERATION OF PARTIAL JOHN HOPKINS STUDY DIRECTED AT MUCH EARLIER READING ON

CRUCIAL QUESTONS IN RE SELECTED STATE PERSONNEL. I EXPECT TO DECIDE MATTER ON RETURN.

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